

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;
a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and
a leaf spring which is supported on a top of the chassis by a middle portion thereof;
wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the top of the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,
wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat portion in which a recess portion is formed at which the to receive at least a portion of the middle portion of the leaf spring is held.
2. (Original) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 1.
3. (Original) The suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.
- 4-5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the middle portion of the leaf spring includes a shaft, and the shaft of the leaf spring is received at least partially in the recess portion of the chassis.
7. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 6, wherein the leaf spring and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

8. (Original) The suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leaf spring is made of metal or plastic.

9-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising;
spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel; and

a biasing member that contacts a portion of each vertical shaft protruding from a top of the chassis and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to the top of the chassis,

wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing member, and

wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat portion in which a recess portion is formed at which to receive at least a portion of the biasing member is held.

17-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 16.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is detachable.

24. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is held in the recess portion of the chassis by a shaft connected to the chassis.

25. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 24, wherein the biasing member and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

26. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is made of metal or plastic.

27. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising;
spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts,
each turning member receiving a wheel; and
a biasing member that contacts a portion of each vertical shaft protruding from a top of
the chassis and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel,
said biasing member being connected to the top of the chassis,
wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing
member,
wherein the biasing member includes a projecting portion, and
wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat portion in which a recess portion is formed
at which at least a portion of the biasing member is held by the projecting portion received.

28. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in
claim 27.

29. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the
biasing member is detachable.

30. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the
projecting portion of the biasing member is a shaft received in the recess portion of the chassis.

31. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 30, wherein the
biasing member and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

32. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the
biasing member is made of metal or plastic.

33. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels
connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning
members movably received by a chassis of the toy;
a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a
turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and
a leaf spring supported at a middle portion thereof on a top of the chassis;

wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the top of the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,

wherein the leaf spring includes a projecting portion, and

wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat portion in which a recess portion is formed
~~at which the projecting portion of~~ to receive at least a portion of the leaf spring is held.

34. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 33.

35. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.

36. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the projecting portion of the leaf spring is a shaft received in the recess portion of the chassis.

37. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 36, wherein the leaf spring and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

38. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leaf spring is made of metal or plastic.

39. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;

a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and

a leaf spring which is supported at a middle portion thereof by the chassis;

wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,

wherein the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess portion is formed in an upper surface thereof at which to receive at least a portion of the leaf spring is held.

40. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 39.

41. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 39, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.

42. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising;
two spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel; and
a biasing member having side portions, each of which contacts a protruding portion of each vertical shaft and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to the chassis,

wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing member, and

wherein the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess portion is formed in an upper surface thereof at which to receive at least a portion of the biasing member is held.

43. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 42.

44. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 42, wherein the biasing member is detachable.

45. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;

a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and

a leaf spring which has side portions and is supported at a middle portion thereof by the chassis;

wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the chassis and are in contact with respective side portions of the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,

wherein, when one wheel is moved up, one side portion of the leaf spring is bent and, when both wheels are moved up, both side portions of the leaf spring are bent, and wherein the chassis includes a flat portion in which a recess portion is formed at which at least a portion of the leaf spring is held received.

46. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 45.

47. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 45, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.

48 (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising;
two spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel; and
a biasing member having side portions, each of which contacts a protruding portion of each vertical shaft and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to the chassis,
wherein, when one wheel is moved up, one side portion of the biasing member is bent and, when both wheels are moved up, both side portions of the biasing member are bent, and wherein the chassis includes a flat portion in which a recess is formed at which at least a portion of the biasing member is held received.

49. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 48.

50. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 48, wherein the biasing member is detachable.